

Lecture to Children Saturday Morning Classes, Art Association of Montreal.

I would like to thank you for the honour you have done me in asking me to be your guest on this occasion - I have been asked to tell you have chosen as a thought for us to think of for a little while to-day - Art & Ourselves.

It has been my good fortune in working with young people to have it brought constantly to my notice - how naturally everyone turns to beauty - instinctively we love it - & not only that we need it - we don't get half enough of it -

The Schools all over the world are recognizing this fact and are pushing more & more in this direction -

It is a great pleasure to meet you all this morning - we've been waiting for you for such a long time & now here we all are - & I want to congratulate you on the fact that you are here - because a little bird told me that at your christening your Fairy Godmother brought you a very precious gift - the love of drawing - & you have used this gift so well that you have been chosen - the best five - from among your classmates to come to this special class which we are holding on Sat. morning - I think we all ought to have a jolly time - we are all looking forward to it -

Now I was talking about Fairy Godmothers a minute ago - so I shall keep on at that view - do you know it is almost like a Fairy tale come true that we are all here - did you ever stop to think how it is that we are all here looking forward to a winter of fun?

Well there is a good spirit in the Art Gallery - doing all sorts of wonderful things. The entire place is changed - it is all fresh & clean & bright & that kindly & generous spirit has thought of inviting us to come & enjoy ourselves working together here -

I wonder if you can guess or do you know that the good spirit is Dr. Martin

- do you realize that we are his guests - it is perfectly thrilling what he has done for us and we want to respond to that invitation & show him that we appreciate it and I know the thing that would please him the most is that we all work together to make our class a success & at the end of the year we'll be able to show him by our efforts and the interest and the joy we all have taken in our work how much we value the opp. he had so generously given us.

You no doubt are all wondering what you are going to do - well this morning or when we get into real working order next Sat. we will be around in five groups and meet in the Studio downstairs & have some lantern talks & then come up here and draw & paint.

To help us accomplish all this we are most fortunate in having the women of the Ladies League who have volunteered to come down & help us & they have opened a ..... new dept. which you are going to love - the modelling dept. where you can have the grandest fun making things & I am going to ask Miss Seath to speak to you about it.